State of Arizona Senate Forty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session 2005

CHAPTER 280

## **SENATE BILL 1325**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-1103 AND 28-1150, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ENVELOPE PERMITS.

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 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 28-1103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 28-1103. Excess size and weight special permits: definition

- A. Subject to section 28-1104, subsection E, on application in writing and for good cause, the director with respect to highways under the jurisdiction of the department and a local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this article or otherwise not in conformity with this chapter on any highway under the jurisdiction of the party granting the permit and for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
- B. A special permit may be issued for the movement of overdimensional and overweight loads that is subject to department rules for overdimensional and overweight loads. The director shall adopt rules for overdimensional and overweight loads. The director may establish fees to cover all or part of the cost of review and analysis of requests for overdimensional and overweight load permits. The department shall collect the fees, in addition to the special permit fee provided by this section.
- C. Subject to this section, the director or local authority may issue the following special permits that are valid for one year and that may be limited by the director or local authority:
- 1. A special permit authorizing the applicant to transport a load by means of a truck or truck tractor, a semitrailer and one full trailer combination, if all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The combination does not exceed one hundred eleven thousand pounds of gross vehicle weight.
- (b) The axle weight limitations are subject to sections 28-1099 and 28-1100.
- (c) The vehicle combination is traveling within twenty miles of the borders of this state and an adjacent state that allows such combinations of length and gross vehicle weight.
- 2. Except on the national intercity truck route network as designated by the United States secretary of transportation as required by the surface transportation assistance act of 1982, a special permit authorizing the applicant to transport a load by means of a truck or truck tractor, a semitrailer and not more than two trailers if all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The overall length of the CARGO CARRYING UNIT OF THE vehicle combination does not exceed ninety-two NINETY-FIVE feet.
- (b) The axle weight limitations conform to sections 28-1099 and 28-1100.

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- (c) The overall gross weight of the vehicle combination does not exceed one hundred twenty-one thousand pounds for nine axles or one hundred twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds for ten axles.
  - (d) The vehicle combination is traveling on either:
- (i) Portions of an alternate state route that is located within four miles of and extends to the border of this state and an adjacent state that allows vehicle combinations of a truck or a truck tractor, a semitrailer and two trailers or semitrailers.
- (ii) A state route that extends at least ten miles through an Indian reservation, does not cross the Colorado river and is located within twenty miles of and extends to the border of this state and an adjacent state that allows two trailers or semitrailers.
- 3. On application in writing by an owner of a watercraft as defined in section 5-301 and on good cause shown, a special excess width permit for a fee of forty-five dollars for each watercraft covered by the permit that:
- (a) Authorizes the owner to move a vehicle loaded with the watercraft on a highway under the jurisdiction of the issuer if all of the following conditions exist:
- (i) The total outside width of the vehicle and watercraft does not exceed ten feet.
- (ii) The vehicle loaded with the watercraft is otherwise in conformity with the limitations prescribed by this chapter.
- (iii) The watercraft is properly registered with the Arizona game and fish department.
  - (b) Contains the watercraft registration number.
- D. The director may issue a special excess width permit for the operation of a vehicle with a reducible load only if both:
  - 1. The load exceeds the width limitation prescribed in this section.
  - 2. The load does not exceed ten feet in width.
- E. Subject to this section and on receipt of an application, the director or local authority shall issue a permit that is valid for one year and that authorizes the commercial movement of recreational vehicles as defined in section 41-2142 that exceed the size restrictions prescribed in this article. There is no limit on the number of movements generated or the number of vehicles moved by the permittee under a permit issued pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding section 28-1104, additional permit requirements shall not be imposed on the commercial movement of these recreational vehicles if the recreational vehicles comply with section 28-1093, subsection D.
- F. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "CARGO CARRYING UNIT" MEANS ANY PORTION OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE COMBINATION USED FOR THE CARRYING OF CARGO, INCLUDING A TRAILER, SEMI-TRAILER OR THE CARGO CARRYING SECTION OF A SINGLE UNIT TRUCK. CARGO CARRYING UNIT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TRUCK OR TRUCK TRACTOR



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Sec. 2. Section 28-1150, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-1150. Overdimensional permit advisory council

A. An overdimensional permit advisory council is established consisting of the following seven NINE members who are appointed by the governor:

- 1. One member representing the department of public safety.
- 2. One member representing the department of transportation.
- 3. Three FOUR members representing motor carriers.
- 4. One member from a municipal law enforcement agency of a city OR TOWN with a population of more than one hundred thousand persons according to the most recent United States decennial census.
- 5. ONE MEMBER FROM A MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF A CITY OR TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS OR LESS.
- 5. 6. One member representing the governor's office of community and highway safety.
  - B. The members serve staggered three year terms.
  - C. The overdimensional permit advisory council shall:
  - Meet at least annually.
  - 2. Select from its members a person to serve as chairperson.
- 3. Advise and assist the department of transportation in developing rules required to administer this article and article 18 of this chapter.
- 4. Advise and consult with the MOTOR CARRIER INDUSTRY, department of transportation and state and local law enforcement agencies concerning matters relating to overdimensional permits.
- 5. Establish a mailing list that includes any party expressing an interest in the advisory council's activities. The advisory council shall provide the list to the department of transportation, and the department of transportation shall send notice by regular FIRST CLASS mail to each person on the list at least fifteen days before the date on which each meeting of the advisory council is to be held.
- D. Members of the overdimensional permit advisory council are not eligible to receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses.
- E. The overdimensional permit advisory council is subject to title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1.

## Sec. 3. Overdimensional permit council; joint report

- A. The director of the department of transportation, the director of the department of public safety and the chairman of the overdimensional permit advisory council shall jointly prepare and submit a report relating to overdimensional and overweight permit rulemaking and issuance. The report shall contain analysis on at least the following information:
- 1. The current status of an automated database and automated issuance of overdimensional and overweight permits.
- 2. Issues related to intrastate travel of overdimensional and overweight vehicles and uniformity of permit requirements across



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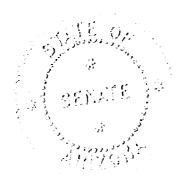
- 3. Recommendations to improve public safety by changing policies of the departments, rule-making practices and procedures and the criteria for issuing overdimensional and overweight permits.
- 4. Other state's best practices relating to issuance of overdimensional and overweight permits.
- 5. Recommendations relating to statutory changes pertaining to the oversight and issuance of overdimensional and overweight permits.
  - 6. Other information the directors or the chairman deem necessary.
- B. The council shall submit the joint report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives on or before November 30, 2005 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

Sec. 4. Repeal

Section 3 of this act relating to the overdimensional and overweight permit joint report is repealed from and after September 30, 2006.

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